



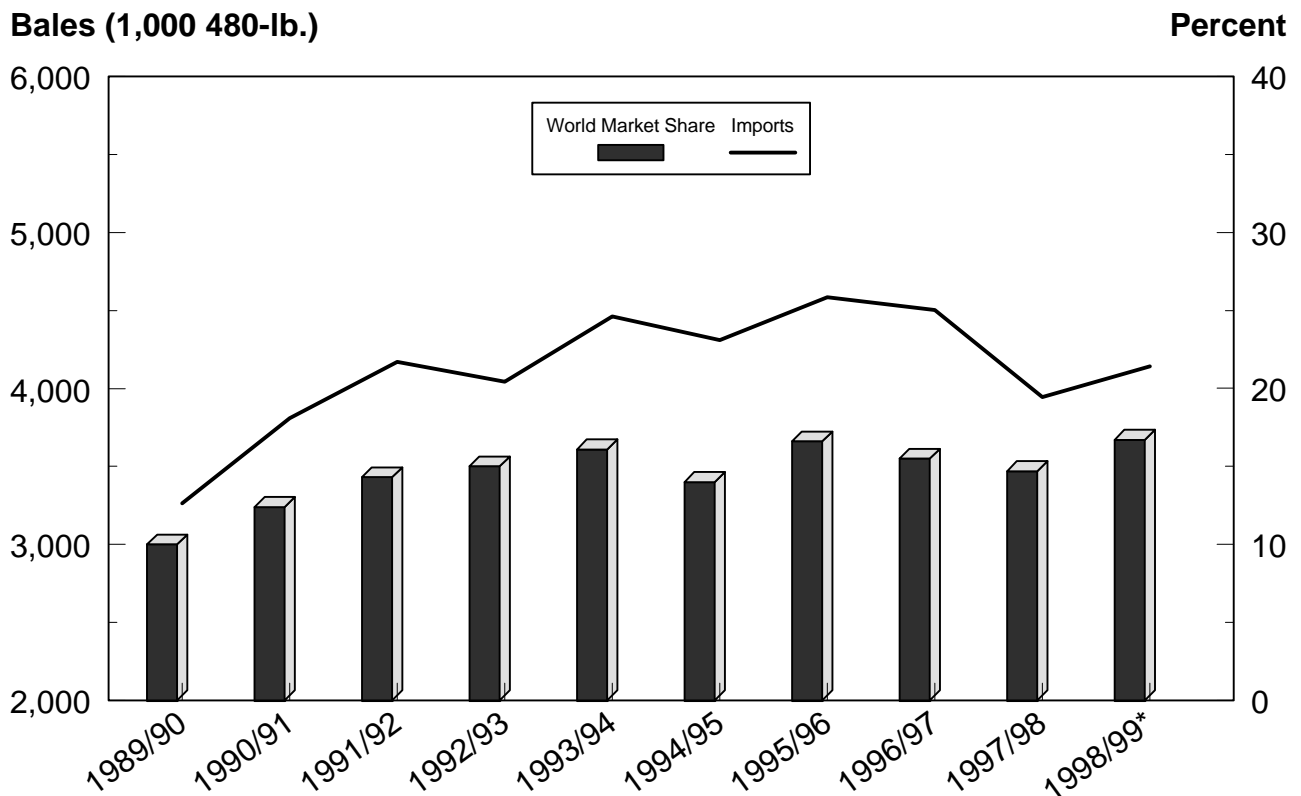
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Southeast Asia's Share of World Cotton Imports Reaches 10-Year High



*Estimate

Southeast Asia's textile industries are recovering from the financial crisis affecting the region as cotton imports are up 2.8 percent from last year, and will reach an estimated 4.1 million bales. While Malaysia experienced some import decline, the region's cotton imports are up by nearly 200,000 bales. Indonesia is expected to remain the world's largest importer of 2 million bales of cotton. Vietnam is regaining the levels it achieved 10 years ago. The region's projected share of world cotton imports has reached a 10-year high of 16.7 percent.